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Substitute Senate Bill No. 6

Senate, March 17, 2000

The Committee on Judiciary reported through SEN. WILLIAMS of the 29th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

An Act Creating An Elder Abuse Unit.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 51-279 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) The Chief State's Attorney, with the advice of the Division of
4 Criminal Justice Advisory Board under section 51-279a, shall
5 administer, direct, supervise, coordinate and control the operations,
6 activities and programs of the division as it shall apply to the Superior
7 Court. [He] The Chief State's Attorney shall: (1) Establish such
8 bureaus, divisions, facilities and offices, including an appellate unit, a
9 racketeering and continuing criminal activities unit, an elder abuse
10 unit and a bond forfeiture unit, and select such professional, technical
11 and other personnel, including chief inspectors, as [he] the Chief
12 State's Attorney deems reasonably necessary for the efficient operation
13 and discharge of the duties of the division, subject to the personnel
14 policies and compensation plan established by the Department of

15 Administrative Services; (2) adopt and enforce rules and regulations to
16 carry out the purposes of this chapter; (3) establish guidelines, policies
17 and procedures for the internal operation and administration of the
18 division which shall be binding on all division personnel; (4) enter into
19 contracts with consultants and such other persons as are necessary for
20 the proper functioning of the office; (5) engage in long-range planning
21 and review policy and legislation concerning the administration of
22 criminal justice in the state and recommend needed changes and
23 additions thereto; (6) collect statistical data concerning administration
24 of criminal justice in the state and furnish the data to the appropriate
25 committee of the General Assembly; (7) conduct research and evaluate
26 programs within [his] the Chief's State's Attorney's office; (8) establish
27 staff development, training and education programs designed to
28 improve the quality of the division's services and programs; (9)
29 coordinate the activities of the division with those of such other state,
30 municipal, regional, federal and private agencies as are concerned with
31 the administration of criminal justice; (10) be authorized to receive and
32 administer funds from the federal government or any charitable
33 foundation to assist in the operations of the division; (11) supervise,
34 approve and issue all orders concerning all purchases of commodities,
35 equipment and services for the Division of Criminal Justice; (12)
36 supervise the administrative methods and systems employed in the
37 Division of Criminal Justice; (13) submit to the Department of
38 Administrative Services for its approval a compensation plan for all
39 employees of the division, which plan may include sick leave, vacation
40 leave, absences without pay, longevity payments, increments and all
41 other matters regarding personnel policies and procedures; (14)
42 establish with the approval of the Department of Administrative
43 Services such job classifications as [he] the Chief's State's Attorney
44 deems necessary for the operation of the division; (15) audit bills to be
45 paid from state appropriations for the expenses of the Division of
46 Criminal Justice; (16) maintain adequate accounting and budgetary
47 records for all appropriations by the state for the maintenance of the

48 Division of Criminal Justice and all other appropriations assigned by
49 the legislature or state budgetary control offices for administration by
50 the Division of Criminal Justice; (17) serve as payroll officer for the
51 Division of Criminal Justice; and (18) have such other powers and
52 duties as are reasonably necessary to administer the division and
53 implement the purposes of this chapter. [He] The Chief State's
54 Attorney shall prepare and submit to the Office of Policy and
55 Management estimates of appropriations necessary for the
56 maintenance of the division and make recommendations with respect
57 thereto for inclusion as a separate item in the budget request of the
58 Division of Criminal Justice.

59 Sec. 2. (NEW) The Chief State's Attorney shall report to the select
60 committee on aging, on or before January 1, 2001, and annually
61 thereafter, concerning the activities of the elder abuse unit established
62 under section 51-279 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.

63 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Several changes were made in section 1 to make it gender neutral.

AGE Committee Vote: Yea 13 Nay 0 JFS C/R JUD

JUD Committee Vote: Yea 38 Nay 0 JFS-LCO

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Cost

Affected Agencies: Division of Criminal Justice

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

The bill would result in a cost to the Division of Criminal Justice by establishing an Elder Abuse Unit. Federal grant funding, in the amount of \$199,000, is scheduled to be provided to the agency under the Byrne Memorial Grant program (also known as the Drug Control and System Improvement Grant) starting July 1, 2000. The grant will provide funding for one prosecutor and one inspector, fringe benefits, supplies and equipment for FY 01.

The Byrne Memorial Grant, which totals \$9.1 million for federal FY 00 (including a 25% state match), provides funds for a variety of criminal justice purposes for a maximum of 4 years. Thus, in FY 05 the state would be required to either pay the full cost of the unit or decline to continue its existence.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CREATING AN ELDER ABUSE UNIT.

SUMMARY:

This bill creates an elder abuse unit in the Chief State's Attorney's Office and requires the chief state's attorney to report on its activities to the Aging Committee every year starting by January 1, 2001.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2000

COMMITTEE ACTION

Select Committee on Aging

Joint Favorable Substitute Change of Reference

Yea 13 Nay 0

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 38 Nay 0